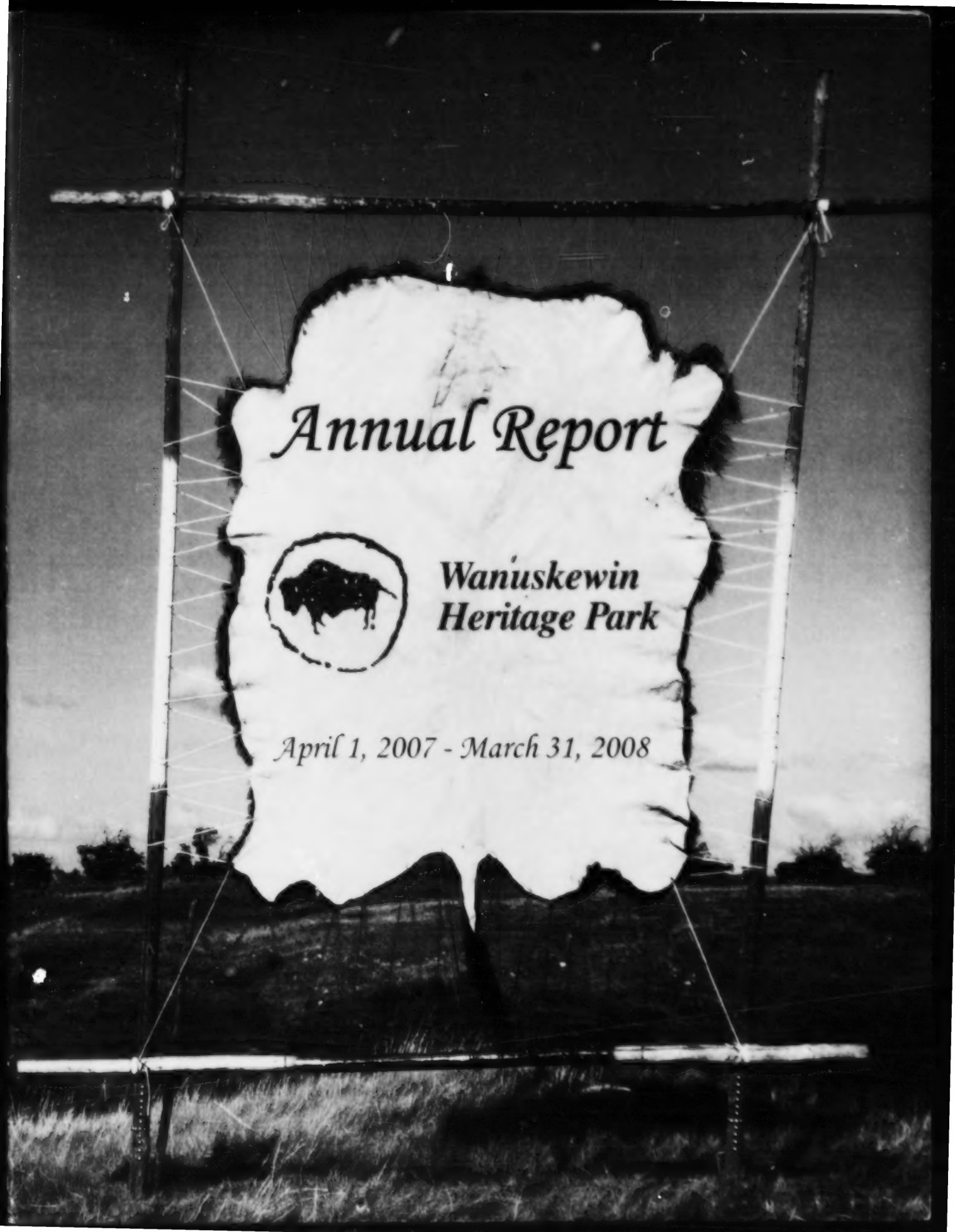
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Waniuskewin
Heritage Park
April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008

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The Park Act

The Wanuskewin Heritage Park Act was proclaimed in September 1989 by the Province of Saskatchewan, and a separate organization was established to operate the Park.

Each of the major stakeholders is represented in the Park's corporate Board of Directors: the City of Saskatoon, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Canada, Meewasin Valley Authority, Wanuskewin Circle of Friends (volunteer body), Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Wanuskewin Indian Heritage Inc., and the University of Saskatchewan.

Board of Directors

April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008

Jack Hillson – Chair

Ken Pontikes - Vice Chair, Meewasin Valley Authority Appointee (resigned February 2008)

Lloyd Brass - WIHI Representative

Jimmy Myo - WIHI Representative

Myrna Yuzicappi - Provincial Government Representative (resigned May 2007)

Lloyd Beazley - Federal Government Representative

Pat Lorje - City of Saskatoon Appointee (February 2007 to August 2007)

Bob Pringle - City of Saskatoon Appointee (January 2008 to February 2008)

Cecilia Reynolds - University of Saskatchewan Representative (resigned December 2007)

Brent Cotter - University of Saskatchewan Representative (effective January 2008)

Gary Arcand - Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Representative

Cy Standing - Friends of Wanuskewin Corp.

Randell Morris - Friends of Wanuskewin Corp.

George Rathwell - Friends of Wanuskewin Corp.

Kelly Camerson - Friends of Wanuskewin Corp.

Dr. Ernie Walker - Honourary Member

On the edge of the Canadian prairie where the Opimihaw Creek (formerly called Tipperary Creek) flows into the South Saskatchewan River, the First Nations People found peace and sustenance in a place that has changed very little over thousands of years. Countless generations have returned to this valley to feast, seek guidance, dance, and tell stories. In the First Nations community, Wanuskewin is valued as a meeting place, a place of spiritual renewal. The name Wanuskewin is a Cree word chosen by the Elders to describe the history of the place. Loosely translated, Wanuskewin means "***seeking peace of mind***" or "***living in harmony***".

Wanuskewin Heritage Park is a National Historic Site that brings to life the history and culture of the Northern and Plains First Nations peoples. The 760 acre Park, located three kilometres north of the City of Saskatoon, was dedicated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1987, and established by the Province of Saskatchewan in 1992 as a living memorial to the people who have gathered on the site for over 6,000 years. The 31,000 square foot Visitor Centre features an Art Gallery, Gift Shop, Theatre, Archaeology Lab, Museum, Activity Areas, Restaurant and Meeting Facilities. The Park environs feature a Pow Wow Arbor, Amphitheatre, Tipi Village, Picnic Site, and Sweat Lodge. Several kilometres of Interpretive Trails lead to tipi rings, buffalo jumps, medicine wheel, buffalo rubbing stone, and 19 historical habitation sites.

Stewardship of the Park and its resources rests with the *Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority* established under the *Wanuskewin Heritage Park Act of Saskatchewan*. The Authority is a registered charitable organization in Canada.

Early in the Park's planning stages, an Elders' committee issued a resolution on spiritual values in order to maintain the sacredness of what the First Nations believe had been bestowed upon them by the Great Spirit. Elders continue to provide an important advisory role on the cultural aspects of programming and development at the Park through the non-profit corporation – *Wanuskewin Indian Heritage Inc.*

Message from the Board Chair

This past year has been a difficult one for Wanuskewin Heritage Park, but it has also been a time to re-evaluate why we exist and how we can achieve our mission. The Board, after review is convinced that the mission of Wanuskewin as it was originally adopted, remains relevant and important:

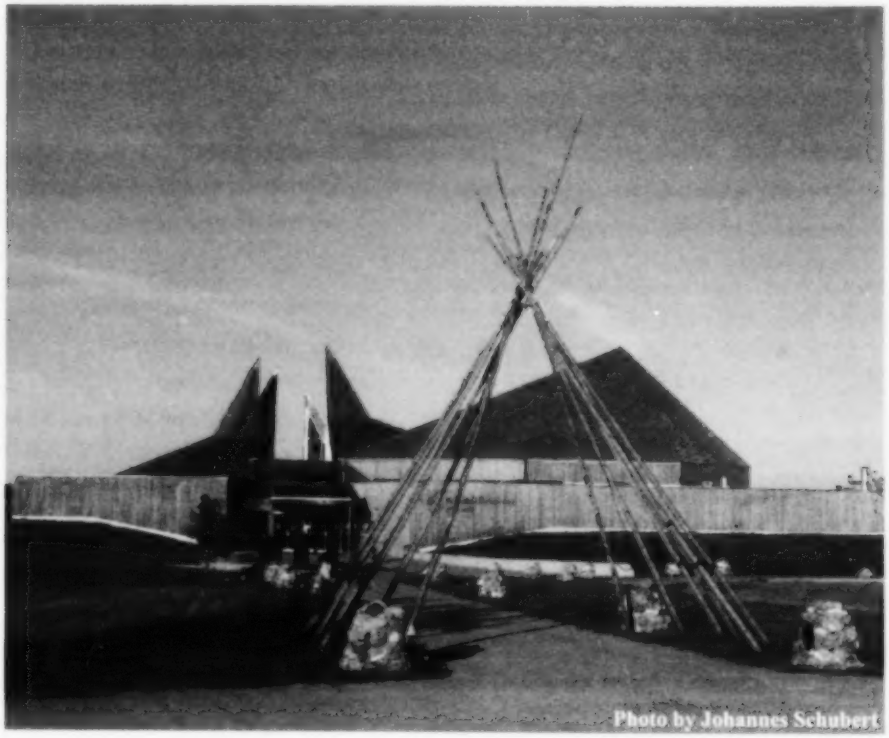
"to increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Northern and Plains First Nation culture through the effective operation of an internationally recognized heritage facility featuring integrated programs and services".

When I walk the trails I am encouraged to see the signs of First Nations persons coming to Wanuskewin for spiritual ceremonies and connection. I am also encouraged when I see non-aboriginal families bringing their children to Wanuskewin to instil in our young people an appreciation of First Nations' contributions to the growth and development of this area. Finally I see increasing evidence of the potential for Wanuskewin to be a major destination for international tourists which educates, inspires and entertains.

Wanuskewin continues to experience very real challenges that must be addressed, but I remain convinced that a return to the original ideals of those who formed the Park 20 years ago is the best way forward. I remain optimistic that as Saskatchewan works to ensure that First Nations young people become full participants in our life and economy, Wanuskewin has an important role in moving toward that goal.

I express my thanks for the dedication of acting CEO Pat Lorje, new chair Lloyd Beazley, my colleagues on the Board and the officers of both Heritage Canada and the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and sport for their continued support.

Jack Hillson
Chair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Message from the Acting Chief Executive Officer

A scant two months before the end of this fiscal year, the former CEO, Sheila Gamble, and the governing body, the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority (WHPA) Board parted company. The Board asked me to step in on an interim basis. I joined the Wanuskewin team with some considerable trepidation since it was very apparent that Wanuskewin had been through a tumultuous and challenging year and faced considerable future challenges.

During the year, the Board conducted an in-depth investigation of a complaint against the former CEO, using the impartial services of mediator and lawyer, Kathy Ford. Ultimately, this resulted in a decision by the Board to change directions for both senior management and the Renewal Project.

The Renewal Project involved, amongst other things, an expansion of the existing park building, and a complete reconfiguration of the interior, including demolition of the theatre and exhibit area. The contract for this reconstruction was signed in July of 2007, and work began in October. However, the Board was unaware that an application for Canadian Heritage financial support had not been submitted at the time the contract with Graham Construction was signed.

By the end of fiscal year 2007/2008, this projected federal government assistance had still not been received and Graham Construction had given notice of intent to suspend work on the Renewal Project because of financing issues.

Over the past year, staff morale had significantly deteriorated, and many long-term staff departed. Relationships with the community, both First Nations and others, have been strained, and Wanuskewin faces a major task of rebuilding on many fronts. Fortunately the staff remaining is incredibly committed to the tasks at hand. They have worked diligently, through very trying circumstances, to ensure that the mission, vision and values of this wonderful heritage facility are maintained. The Boards, both WHPA, and WIHI (Wanuskewin Indian Heritage Incorporated, the Elders Board), have a renewed sense of purpose, and they are determined to return Wanuskewin to its former sense of purpose.

The tasks ahead are daunting, but not impossible. Working together, staff, Board, Elders, and the community will ensure that Wanuskewin regains its reputation as the premier national historic site.

Pat Lorje,
Acting CEO

Operational Activities

VISITORS SERVICES

The Visitor Services Department welcomed many visitors from all over the world. Visitors, both school children and general visitors were welcomed to Wanuskewin and then provided with a general orientation to the park by Visitor Services Staff.

The Tipi Village is a special program that runs during the spring, summer and fall seasons for schools, community groups, families, and other visitors to the Park. Participants book in advance, and receive a unique experience that provides a more intimate understanding and appreciation for other cultures.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park was engaged in many educational and cultural activities throughout the year. Wanuskewin provided twenty-one unique programs for the public. Interpretive programs are offered both indoors and outdoors. Some of the more popular programs are 'Home Sweet Home, A Tipi Raising Adventure', 'Puppet Theatre', 'Dream Catcher craft', and 'Prairie Pottery'.

The Aboriginal Awareness Education (AAE) - Program for Pre-K to Grade 2 students was held from January to April and taken to the schools. This fiscal year Wanuskewin Heritage Park went to forty-eight locations which included the Saskatoon Public Schools, Saskatoon Greater Catholic Schools, and many school throughout Saskatchewan. During the months of May and June the Park was very busy providing tours for the schools as part of their year end field trips.

The Visitor Services staff saw approximately 3,400 students who toured Wanuskewin for a class trip as well as providing 150 sessions (another 4,400 students) of the Aboriginal Awareness Education Program Show to the Pre-K to Grade 2 students. Other activities throughout the year included:

- Summer Day Camps for 2 months (19 days in July and 17 days in August).
- Hosted flood victims with a wiener roast. Food was donated by Mitchell's Gourmet Foods and UFCW.
- Bannock bakes in the tipi village over the winter months.
- Visitations to the Park were steady until construction started and decreased.
- Canada Day activities for the visitors were very popular.
- Annual Pow Wow was a hit again even though the number of visitors, and participating drum groups and dancers decreased.

Photo by Johannes Schubert

CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Cultural Resources Department is responsible for all the cultural activity that takes place at the Park. The International Dance Troupe, ceremonies, protocol, dance performances, sweat bookings, and Elder involvement all fall under this department.

The Wanuskewin International Dance Troupe performed regularly for First Nations organizations, National Aboriginal Day, North Saskatchewan Children's Festival, various conferences, and weekend performances at the Park. Members of the Dance Troupe are primarily under 30 years of age and serve as role models and mentors for aspiring youth in First Nations dance. The Dance Troupe's repertoire includes traditional dances as well as specialty dances not performed by any other dance troupe in Canada.

This past fiscal year staff in this department were also responsible for the following activities:

- making tipis
- coordinating song and dance programs presented in local schools
- assisting in the presentation of the Round Dance held in conjunctions with the Remembrance Day Service
- smudging the building and meetings upon request
- booking and coordinating the daily dance performances

Photo by Johannes Schubert

BOOKINGS & CATERING

The booking coordinator is responsible for all the bookings of school tours, tipi sleepovers, meetings, and evening functions that take place at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. This past fiscal year the tipi sleepovers for children (schools and community organizations) increased approximately 30% and family tipi sleepovers increased approximately 50% over the past year.

In addition to our usual bookings, a number of special meetings were hosted at the Park which highlight what the Park can do for meetings to provide them with a unique experience.

Some of those meetings are:

- International Biology Olympiad (hosted 500 students from all over the world and provided accommodation for 250 - in tipi's)
- Lieutenant Governor's Student Forum
- Supreme Court of Canada Tour and Lunch in a Tipi
- Canadian Law & Society Association
- Society of Rural Physicians of Canada
- Entomology Society of Canada Annual Meeting
- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
- Host location for the Prairie Spirit School Division Cross Country Running Meet

MARKETING

In partnership with Tourism Saskatoon, Tourism Saskatchewan and the West Central Saskatchewan Tourism Association, Wanuskewin Heritage Park participated in a number of marketing initiatives.

Print marketing initiatives included The Saskatoon Visitor Guide Ad, Saskatchewan Vacation Guide Ad, major highway billboards around the province, City of Saskatoon Leisure Guide, Western Producer (*See Scenic Saskatchewan*), and Star Phoenix (*Destination Saskatchewan Magazine*).

Wanuskewin participated in a year long radio campaign to highlight the activities at the Park on a regular basis to our primary/local market, Saskatoon.

Trade and consumer shows were attended in order to present Wanuskewin to the general touring traffic and the international market. Those included: Rendezvous Canada in Quebec City, The Child & Family Expo in Saskatoon, Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, and the Edmonton RV Show.

Additionally, the former CEO attended ITB Berlin, Spotlight Canada in London, Renedzvou Canada in Qubec City, the Toronto and Edmonton Gift Shows, and the Canadian Museum Association Annual Conference in Ottawa.

Special Events at Wanuskewin

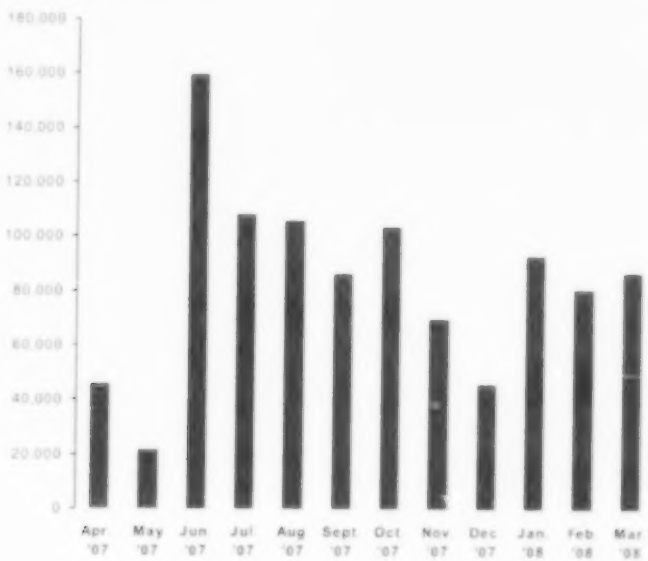
Several events throughout the year for the visitors were coordinated through the Marketing Department. The special events this past fiscal year were: Annual Pow Wow, 3rd Annual Concert Under the Stars, 4th Annual Corn Festival, Diabetes Fundraiser Challenge Walk/Run, Annual Round Dance and Remembrance Day Service, Christmas Craft Fair, and the 2nd Annual Winter Festival.

Visitation Statistics

Wanuskewin had some challenges this past year with our computer server and the collection of visitor statistics. We had compiled our visitation statistics but due to a server problem we were not able to retrieve the statistics. We will be striving to have a clearer picture of visitation to the Park in future years. These statistics will show a true picture of the influence Wanuskewin Heritage Park has on people of all ages for future years. We estimate that we had 17,500 visitors to the park with approximately 7,200 school tour children, 4,400 participating in the In-School Aboriginal Awareness Education, and 11,140 guests for meetings and/or functions.

Website

Total Monthly Hits



RESTAURANT

The restaurant was quite busy this past year providing a number of different meals for school groups, meetings, small conferences, training workshops, special events, and food for the general visitors.

Some of the special events the restaurant was involved with include:

- Mother's Day Brunch (May)
- Father's Day BBQ (June)
- Pow Wow (June)
- Concert Under the Stars BBQ (August)
- Corn Festival (September)
- BBQ for the Prairie Spirit School Division Cross Country Running Meet (October)
- Feast for the Round Dance (November)
- BBQ for the Winter Festival (January)

The restaurant also provided all the bannock and juice for the AAE Program that was taken to schools for classes ranging from Pre-K to Grade 2. The restaurant also welcome weekly visits from the Saskatoon Tribal Council (Children First Program) and St. Mary's Community School. They came for interpretive programs and lunch at the Park.

Restaurant management also spent a great deal of time planning the new kitchen and restaurant being built under the renewal project.

This past fiscal year daily food preparation in the restaurant was steady until the construction started and then it decreased. The restaurant staff still prepared for the meetings that took place throughout the year and was able to provide exceptional food for the enjoyment of our guests.

BUILDING, GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE

The building, grounds, and maintenance department is responsible for all aspects of the physical building and the 760 acres the Park sits on. The Buildings and Grounds Supervisor acted as the liaison to Graham Construction throughout the construction project. Specific areas of responsibility include: operation and maintenance of the heating and cooling system, maintenance of park equipment and vehicles, snow removal, monitoring and maintaining the trail system, and general maintenance of building and grounds.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park has a relationship with Corrections Canada to help with various duties such as custodial, trail grooming, and general trail clean-up.

The beauty of Wanuskewin is .... the Outdoor Gallery!

Wanuskewin Trails

Trail of Discovery (Red ▲)
0.9 km 30 min.

- *Stop at the rest sites for a beautiful view of the valley.*

Path of the People (Blue ▲)
2.5 km 60 min.

- *This main trail tells the story of the First Peoples living in the valley.*
- *Look for the Nisso Asinak and Opimihaw Buffalo Jumps, the Opimihaw Valley and the Amoca Rest Site.*

Trail of the Buffalo (Yellow ▲)
1.3 km 30 min.

- *Climb to the East Prairie for a magnificent view of the river and the valley.*
- *Touch the buffalo rubbing stone, rubbed smooth by the thousands of buffalo who stayed here and drank from the creek below.*
- *Look below to see where the people camped.*
- *This is a challenging trail.*

Circle of Harmony (White ▲)
1.5 km 35 min.

- *Begin in the valley, then walk up to the South Prairie.*
- *Look for the Meewasin Creek Buffalo Pound site.*
- *See the Sunburn Tipi Rings, then walk to the Medicine Wheel.*

Please Help Us Live In Harmony With The Valley

- By staying on the trails, you can help us maintain and restore the native grasses, wild flowers, shrubs and other plant life in the park.
- Please respect the plants, birds and animals that live here by not picking or removing anything from the Park. (According to the Saskatchewan Heritage Property Act, it is unlawful to remove artifacts from a known archaeological site.)
- Please do not litter. Recycle this guide in bins provided in the Visitor Center, and dispose of trash in appropriate containers.

Medicinal Plants Along the Trails

Willow
- bark is steeped for pain relief
- anti-flammatory properties

Yarrow
- insect repellent (rub with leaf)
- circulation
- chew and put on bee stings (swelling)
- boiled for colds and fever

Cattail
- pollen used as flour (spring)
- inner stem is eaten (spring)
- root is ground for flour (fall)

Aspen/Poplar
- white powder used for sun-screen
- arthritis rheumatism

Stinging Nettle
- edible contains lots of iron
- arthritis
- detoxifying
- astringent used for nose bleeds and internal bleeding

Hawthorn
- berries were eaten to increase oxygen to the heart
- thorns were used for needles

Buffalo Berries
- berries are edible, but are a lot sweeter after the first frost
- leaves and berries mixed make suds-like foam

Sites on the Trail of Discovery

1. Dog Child Site - 12 tipi ring
- a hearth
- no datable artifacts
- dig still on-going

2. Star Gazer Site - single component
- lots of lithic rock scattered here from stone tool making
- from the McKean culture (5,000 - 3,500 BC)

3. Thunder Cloud Site - habitation area
- pre and post contact
- gaming pieces found

4. Wolf Willow Site - bison kill area, thousands of bison bones
- 16 stone cairns up-land from it (drive lane)
- multi-component use cultivated so hard to date

There are 19 pre-contact sites at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. This map features the most recent excavations.

While at Wanuskewin let your imagination wander to envision what Wanuskewin was like thousands of years ago and to feel the spiritual significance of Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Thank You!

When things looked darkest, so many people and businesses pitched in to help.

At the risk of missing someone, we nevertheless want to specifically thank:

Bubs Coleman, Jean Thompson, and Dave Robinson, Wanuskewin Volunteers extra-ordinaire
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Vaughn Wayant, Jubilee Ford
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Auditors Reports

WANUSKEWIN HERITAGE PARK AUTHORITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Heagy Altrogge Matchett & Partners LLP

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD

We have audited the statement of financial position of Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of receipts and expenditures, change in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Heagy Altrogge Matchett & Partners LLP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
September 22, 2008

WANUSKEWIN HERITAGE PARK AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — **AS AT MARCH 31**

	2008 $	2007 $
ASSETS (note 4)		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	17,177	6,516
Guaranteed investment certificate	-	125,886
Accounts receivable	29,310	171,100
Accounts receivable - renewal project	405,390	274,910
Inventory	24,162	45,615
Prepaid expenses	10,458	10,266
	486,497	634,293
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (notes 3 and 8)	8,809,645	5,553,395
	9,296,142	6,187,688
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank overdraft (notes 4 and 5)	428,420	166,984
Bank overdraft - renewal project (notes 4 and 5)	374,396	252,031
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	191,110	276,392
Accounts payable - renewal project	1,629,634	-
Deferred revenue (note 6)	10,000	324,574
	2,633,560	1,019,981
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (note 7)	6,548,163	4,590,514
	9,181,723	5,610,495
NET ASSETS		
INVESTED IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	662,842	985,760
UNRESTRICTED	(548,423)	(408,567)
	114,419	577,193
	9,296,142	6,187,688

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

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Heagy Altrogge Matchett & Partners LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

WANUSKEWIN HERITAGE PARK AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS — **FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

	Unrestricted $	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets $	2008 $	2007 $
BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR	(408,567)	985,760	577,193	557,082
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over expenditures for the year	(462,774)	-	(462,774)	20,111
Receipts and expenditure allocations:				
Amortization of deferred contributions	(443,874)	443,874	-	-
Depreciation	434,164	(434,164)	-	-
Write-down of tangible capital assets	163,898	(163,898)	-	-
Tangible capital asset transactions:				
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(3,854,312)	3,854,312	-	-
Contributions for tangible capital assets	2,401,523	(2,401,523)	-	-
Renewal project:				
Bank overdraft change	122,365	(122,365)	-	-
Accounts payable change	1,629,634	(1,629,634)	-	-
Accounts receivable change	(130,480)	130,480	-	-
	(139,856)	(322,918)	(462,774)	20,111
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES — **FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

	2008 $	2007 $
RECEIPTS		
Grants (schedule 1)	870,876	925,089
Amortization of deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets	443,874	443,635
Admission fees and memberships	102,344	99,154
Programs and other	81,879	121,039
Occupancy and rental	34,144	45,525
Donations	2,756	1,422
Net earnings (loss) for the year from gift shop operations (schedule 2)	11,731	(2,399)
Net earnings for the year from restaurant operations (schedule 3)	43,329	49,549
	1,590,933	1,683,014
EXPENDITURES		
Executive (note 15)	692,412	471,114
Depreciation	431,358	447,502
Programs (note 10)	350,470	381,788
Resource management	311,635	268,134
Write-down of tangible capital assets (note 8)	163,898	-
Marketing	94,937	90,464
Human resource development	8,997	3,901
	2,053,707	1,662,903
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	(462,774)	20,111

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS — **FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

	2008 $	2007 $
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of receipts over expenditures for the year	(462,774)	20,111
Items not affecting cash -		
Amortization of deferred contributions	(443,874)	(443,635)
Depreciation	434,164	466,350
Write-down of tangible capital assets	163,898	-
	(308,586)	42,826
Changes in non-cash working capital items -		
Accounts receivable	141,790	(36,613)
Inventory	21,453	5,742
Prepaid expenses	(192)	(2,235)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(85,282)	181,447
Deferred revenue	(314,574)	169,710
Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	(545,391)	360,877
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Changes in non-cash working capital items -		
Accounts payable - renewal project	1,629,634	-
Accounts receivable - renewal project	(130,480)	(274,910)
Repayment of bank demand loan	-	(104,161)
Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities	1,499,154	(379,071)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(3,854,312)	(433,272)
Contributions for tangible capital assets	2,401,523	296,815
Purchase of guaranteed investment certificate	-	(125,886)
Redemption of guaranteed investment certificate	125,886	-
Cash Used In Investing Activities	(1,326,903)	(262,343)
DECREASE IN CASH POSITION	(373,140)	(280,537)
CASH DEFICIENCY - BEGINNING OF YEAR	(412,499)	(131,962)
CASH DEFICIENCY - END OF YEAR	(785,639)	(412,499)
CASH DEFICIENCY CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	17,177	6,516
Bank overdraft	(802,816)	(419,015)
	(785,639)	(412,499)

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SCHEDULE 1 - GRANTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2008 $	2007 $
Province of Saskatchewan	573,000	500,000
City of Saskatoon	184,000	184,000
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	100,000	100,000
Foundations and other	7,126	51,676
Urban Aboriginal grant	6,750	-
Department of Western Economic Diversification	-	60,186
Wage Subsidy programs	-	29,227
	870,876	925,089

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SCHEDULE 2 - GIFT SHOP OPERATIONS — **FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

	2008 $	2007 $
SALES	133,654	144,949
COST OF SALES	91,578	108,506
GROSS PROFIT	42,076	36,443
EXPENSES		
Wages and employee benefits	24,936	26,935
Supplies and maintenance	2,160	315
Interest and bank charges	1,803	2,997
Office	754	1,129
Depreciation	560	5,672
Telephone and utilities	99	107
Travel	33	1,687
	30,345	38,842
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	11,731	(2,399)

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SCHEDULE 3 - RESTAURANT OPERATIONS — **FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

	2008 $	2007 $
SALES	307,650	262,307
COST OF SALES	90,815	77,447
GROSS PROFIT	216,835	184,860
EXPENSES		
Wages and employee benefits	208,910	171,168
Bad debts	16,233	107
Supplies and maintenance	15,526	13,581
Office	8,078	8,961
Depreciation	2,246	13,176
Interest and bank charges	1,089	1,229
Travel	50	273
	252,132	208,495
	(35,297)	(23,635)
OTHER INCOME		
Rental	76,020	70,189
Other	2,606	2,995
	78,626	73,184
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR	43,329	49,549

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1. ORGANIZATION

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority was established to operate the Wanuskewin Heritage Park which commenced full time commercial operations on June 1, 1992. The Authority is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from income taxes under the Canadian Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Tangible Capital Assets and Depreciation

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives. This requires estimation of the useful life of the asset and its salvage and residual value. At the end of each accounting period management considers whether there has been a permanent impairment in the value of tangible capital assets by estimating the net recoverable amount of the unamortized portion. As is true of all accounting estimates, it is possible that changes in future conditions could require changes in the recognized amounts for accounting estimates. Should an adjustment become necessary, it would be reported in earnings in the period in which it became known.

Depreciation of tangible capital assets is calculated using the straight-line method at the following annual rates:

Buildings and site development	4%
Site improvements and interpretive displays	5-10%
Building improvements	4%
Equipment	10-20%

Depreciation on assets acquired during the year is recorded at the full annual rate. Assets under construction are not being depreciated. Depreciation will be recorded when the building is available for use.

Contributions (grants and donations) received for tangible assets are deferred and amortized on the same basis as the asset to which it relates is depreciated. Contributions that are not amortizable, consisting of land and art, are credited directly to equity.

Revenue Recognition

The Authority follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as receipts in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as receipts when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Donated Materials and Services

The Authority benefits from the donation of materials and services from its members. These financial statements do not reflect the value of donations in kind received in the year since a fair value cannot be reasonably estimated.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of receipts and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from estimates.

3. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value 2008	2007
	$	$	$	$
Park site phase I -				
Land	434,006	-	434,006	434,006
Buildings and site development	9,877,428	5,862,101	4,015,327	4,410,424
Park site phase II -				
Site improvements and interpretive displays	1,271,979	1,271,979	-	-
Art	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Equipment	414,428	326,116	88,312	123,496
Gift Shop -				
Equipment	55,039	53,655	1,384	1,944
Building improvements	-	-	-	48,711
Restaurant -				
Equipment	158,548	146,978	11,570	12,407
Building improvements	-	-	-	115,187
	12,218,928	7,660,829	4,558,099	5,153,675
Building under construction	4,251,546	-	4,251,546	399,720
	16,470,474	7,660,829	8,809,645	5,553,395

4. BANK OVERDRAFT

The first bank overdraft provision relates to the operating account and is secured by a general security agreement covering all assets. The overdraft bears interest at a floating rate based on bank prime plus 1.5 percent. The Authority's total available overdraft is $150,000 (2007 - $150,000). The terms of the overdraft are due to be renegotiated on November 1, 2008.

A second bank overdraft provision also relates to the operating account and is secured by a general security agreement covering all assets. The overdraft bears interest at 24 percent per annum. The Authority's total available overdraft is $150,000 (2007 - $150,000). The terms of the overdraft are due to be renegotiated on November 1, 2008.

A third bank overdraft provision relates to the renewal project account and is secured by a general security agreement covering all assets. The overdraft bears interest at a floating rate based on bank prime plus 2 percent. The Authority's total available overdraft is $375,000 (2007 - $375,000). The terms of the overdraft are to be renegotiated on November 1, 2008.

The prime rate at March 31, 2008 was 5.25%.

5. BANK OVERDRAFT VIOLATION

As of March 31, 2008 the Authority was $86,341 in excess of their third line of credit. Under an informal arrangement with the bank, the park was allowed to operate over the line of credit amount. As of the audit report date, the park has reduced its borrowing requirements and is currently operating within their line of credit limits.

Subsequent to year end, the bank has provided a temporary extension to the existing banking agreements. Under the new agreement dated September 22, 2008, the total line of credit available on the operating account is $250,000. As of December 1, 2008 the total line of credit available on the operating account will be reduced to $150,000. The line of credit available for the renewal project has been maintained at its current level of $375,000 with the stipulation that the account will have no further activity until confirmation is received that funding will be available to complete the project.

6. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2008 $	2007 $
Externally restricted private donations	10,000	-
Wanuskewin Legacy Fund	-	250,886
City of Saskatoon - operating grant	-	46,000
Partnership Agreement - University of Saskatchewan	-	15,000
City of Saskatoon - Urban Aboriginal grant	-	6,750
Canadian Heritage - Board governance training	-	5,938
	10,000	324,574

7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Contributions $	Accumulated Amortization $	Net Book Value 2008 $	Net Book Value 2007 $
Park site phase I - Buildings and site development	9,004,389	5,702,785	3,301,604	3,661,779
Park site phase II - Site improvements and interpretive displays	1,270,180	1,270,180	-	-
Other	3,701,786	455,227	3,246,559	928,735
	13,976,355	7,428,192	6,548,163	4,590,514

8. WRITE DOWN OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

During the year, the net book value of building improvements related to the restaurant and gift shop operations were written off due to the new renewal project construction in their related areas of operation.

9. OPERATING LEASES

The minimum annual lease payments under operating equipment leases are as follows:

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Year ending March 31, 2009	5,427
2010	4,094
2011	4,094
2012	4,094
2013	1,706

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Authority provided $18,000 (2007 - $18,000) in funding to Wanuskewin Indian Heritage Inc., an organization under common control. This funding is for the purpose of carrying out the functions of providing cultural and spiritual support to the Authority.

11. COMMITMENTS

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority has partially completed the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority Renewal Project. The project's purpose was to expand and rejuvenate Wanuskewin Heritage Park through various additions and expansions to the current facility. Due to funding problems, the project was halted shortly after yearend. The total cost of the project is projected to be $9,113,000. As of March 31, 2008, the following amounts have been received, or is included in accounts receivable, by the Authority for the funding of the project:

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Department of Western Economic Diversification	629,799
Province of Saskatchewan - Building Communities Program	1,891,028
Aboriginal Business Canada	176,559
	2,697,386

These amounts have been recorded as deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets and will be amortized at the same rate as the project is depreciated once the project is substantially completed.

Efforts are currently underway to obtain additional funding in order to complete the project.

The Authority has also entered into a lease agreement with the City of Saskatoon for the lease of land adjacent to the park for 99 years at a cost of $1.

In addition, there is approximately $100,000 in necessary repairs to the roof of the existing building that will need to be completed within the next fiscal year.

12. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Authority is dependent on contributions in the form of grants from various government entities as well as general donations and partnerships. Its ability to continue viable operations is dependent upon maintaining a reasonable level of grants, donations and partnerships. The Authority received significant funds from the following contributors during the past year:

Province of Saskatchewan
City of Saskatoon
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund
Western Economic Diversification

13. GOING CONCERN CONSIDERATIONS

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the realization of assets and the payment of liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. Should the Authority be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be unable to realize the carrying value of its assets and to meet its liabilities.

The Authority's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to attract various user groups to its facility, obtain operating grants and to generate funds from borrowings from third parties sufficient to meet current and future obligations.

14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain of the 2007 figures on the statement of financial position have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 financial statement presentation.

15. EXECUTIVE EXPENDITURES

Executive expenditures include severance packages that were paid out during the year related to significant turnover of senior management of the park.

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Instruments

Due to the short-term nature of all financial instruments, the carrying values as presented in the financial statements are reasonable estimates of fair value. Management has estimated fair value by reference to established financial markets. As is true for all estimates, actual fair value could differ from this estimate and, if so, any difference would be accounted for in the period in which it becomes known.

Concentration of Risk

The Authority is subject to interest rate risk on its debt obligations. Management has attempted to minimize this risk by negotiating the best possible interest rates.

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